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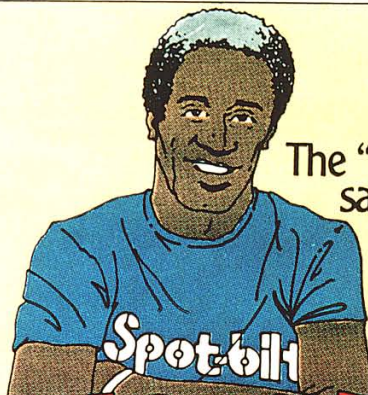
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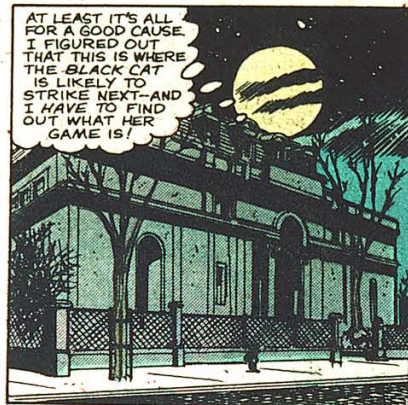
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AT LEAST IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE. I FIGURED OUT THAT THIS IS WHERE THE BLACK CAT IS LIKELY TO STRIKE NEXT-- AND I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT HER GAME IS!



THE FIRST TIME OUR PATHS CROSSED, SHE WAS BUSY FREEING HER CAT BURGLAR FATHER FROM PRISON, AND SHORTLY AFTER HE PASSED AWAY, SHE APPARENTLY DIED IN A FALL!

*BACK IN SPIDER-MAN #194-195. PENNY.



BUT SOMEHOW SHE SURVIVED, AND LATELY HAS BEEN STEALING ARTIFACTS ASSOCIATED WITH ROMANCE-- FIRST THE "TWO LOVERS" STATUE, THEN THE EYE OF EROS DIAMOND!

*LAST ISSUE--D.



SO WHEN HENDRICKS ANNOUNCED THE DISPLAY OF A PRICELESS ONE-OF-A-KIND WAX RECORDING OF CARUSO SINGING A LOVE ARIA, IT WASN'T HARD TO PEG THIS PLACE AS THE CAT'S NEXT TARGET!



BUT NOT TONIGHT, IT SEEMS-- IT'S ALMOST DAWN, AND STILL NO ACTION.

SO I GUESS I'LL JUST HOP DOWN AND STRETCH MY MUSCLES BEFORE HEADING BACK TO--



ALL RIGHT, BUSTER-- FREEZE!

HUH? OH, GREAT! THIS IS NOT WHAT I NEED!

SORRY, GUYS--



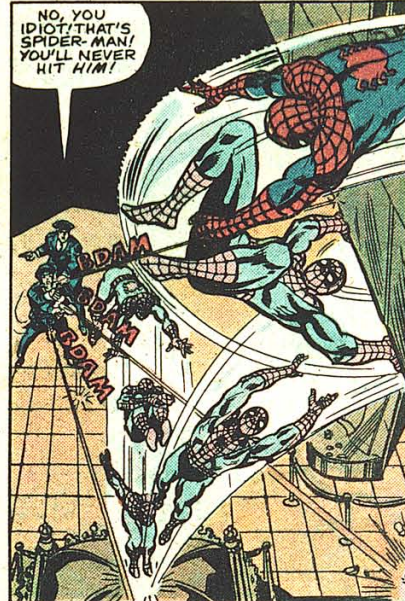
--BUT I'VE BEEN FREEZING ALL NIGHT!



SO I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PASS THIS TIME!

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

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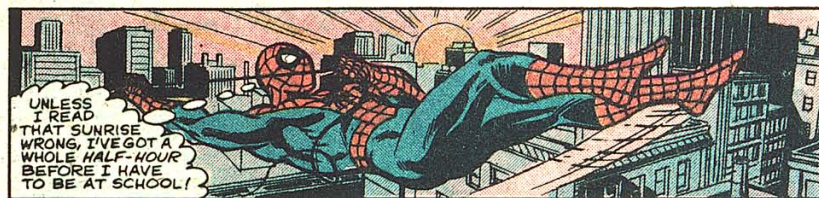
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THIS EARLY? BUT WHO?



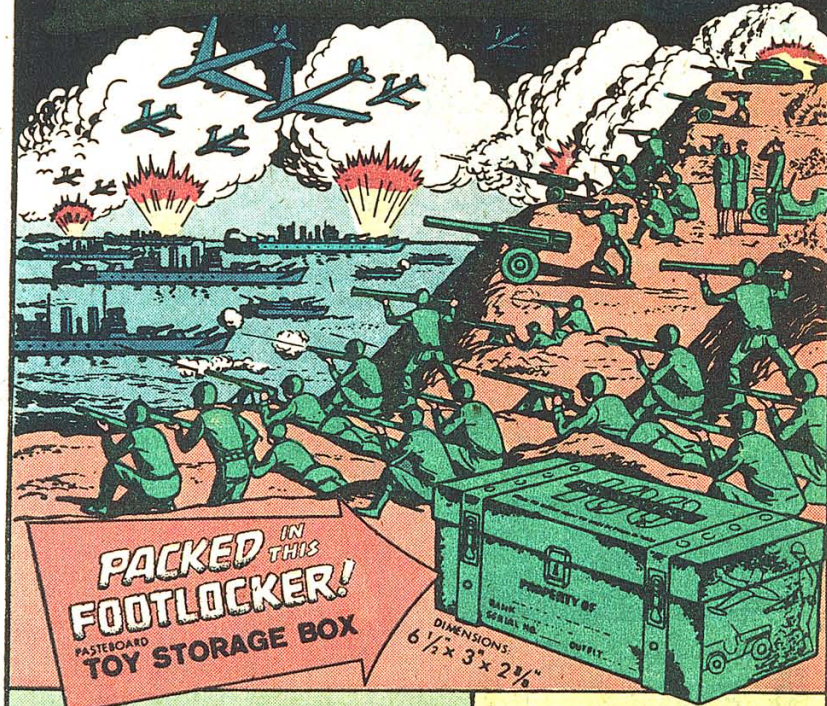
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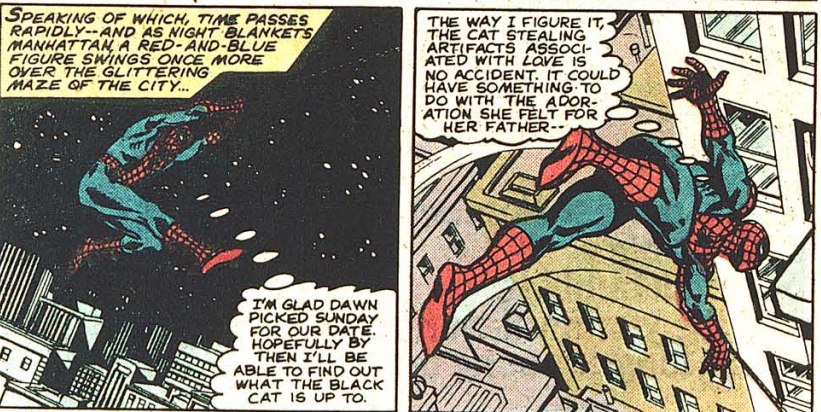
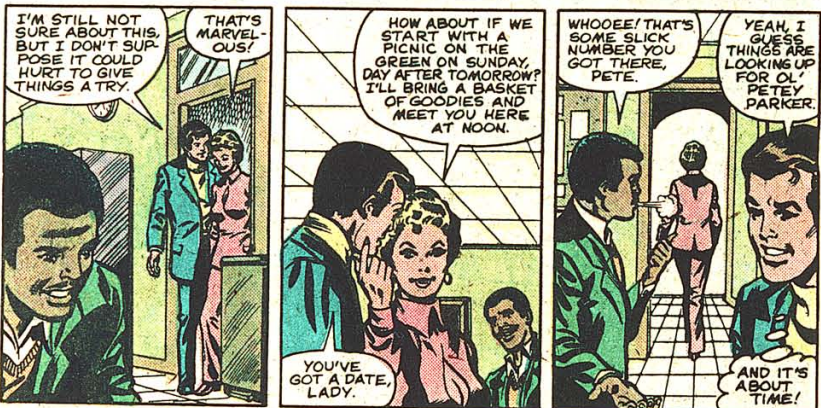
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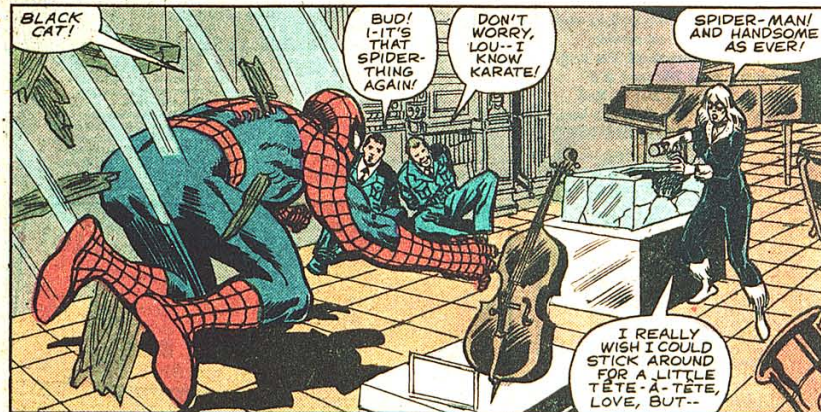
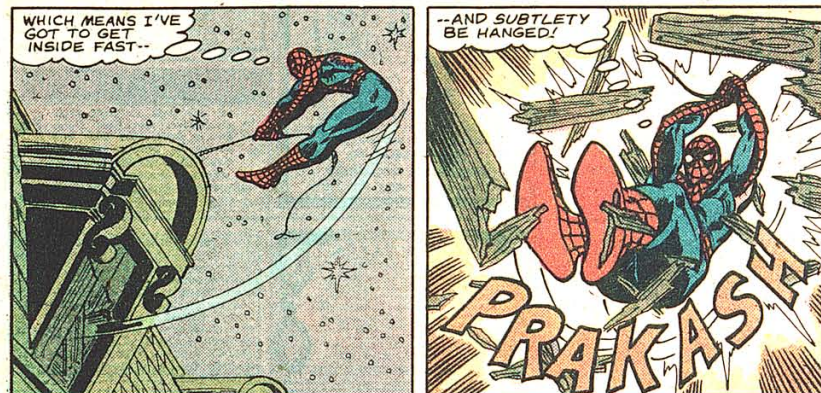
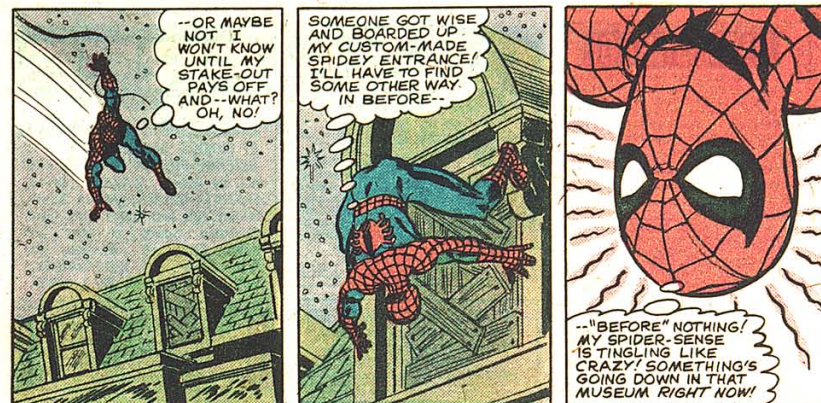
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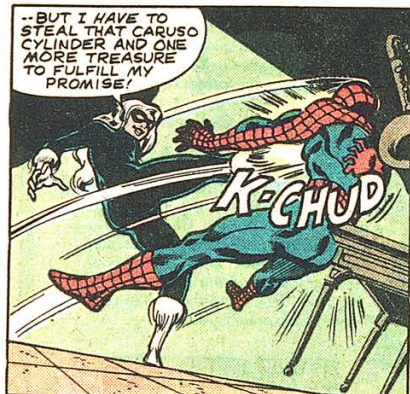
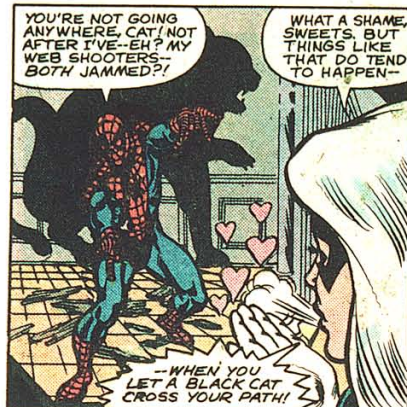
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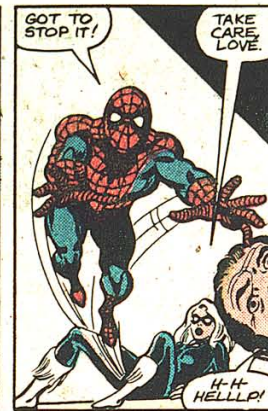
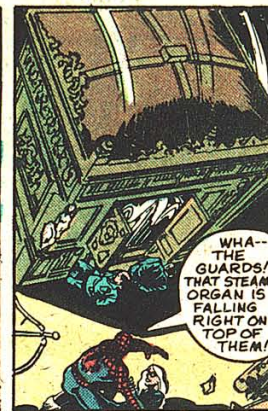
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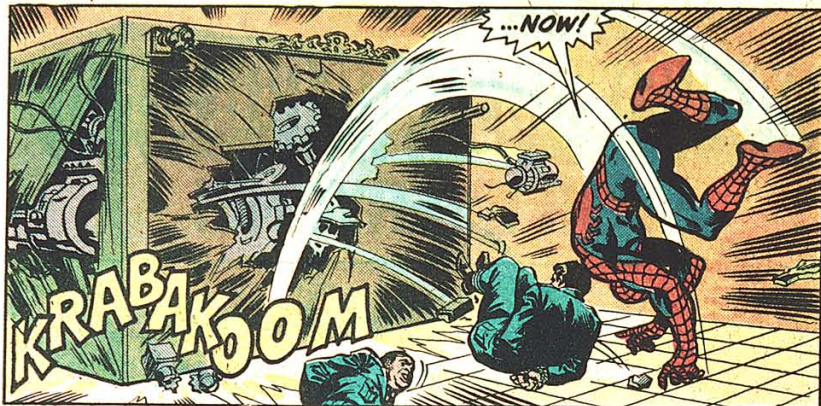


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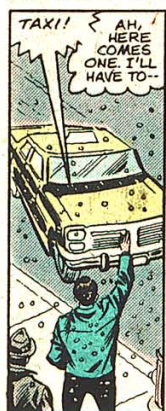


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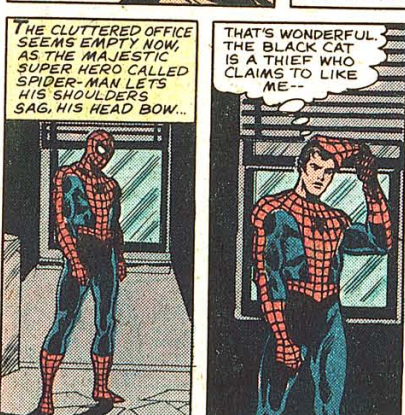
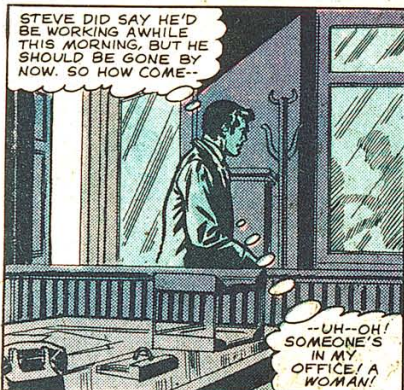
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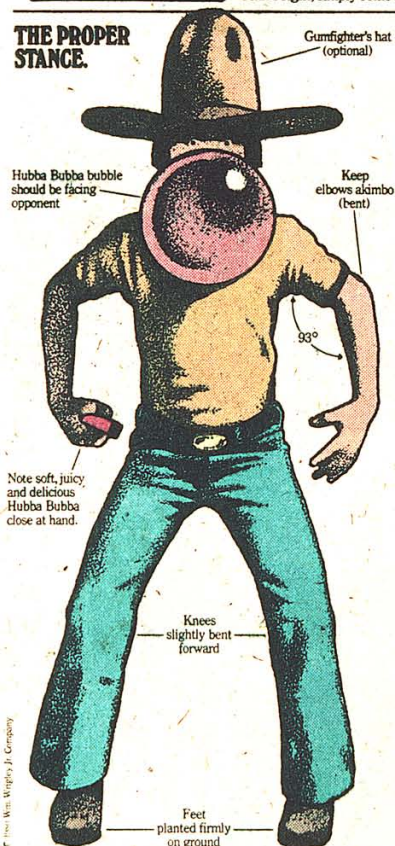


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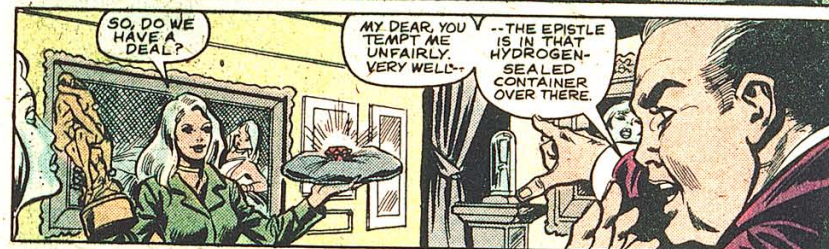
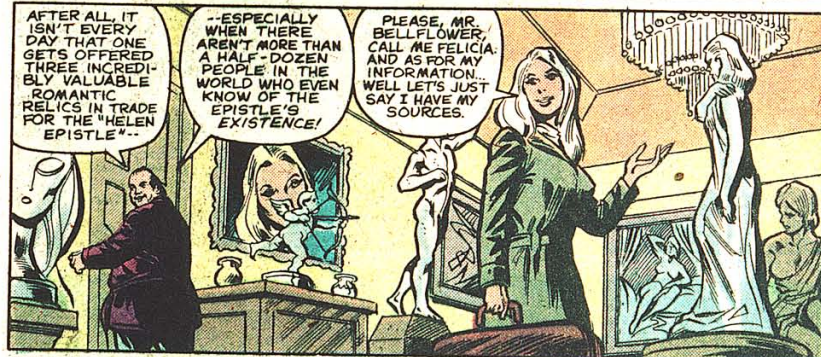
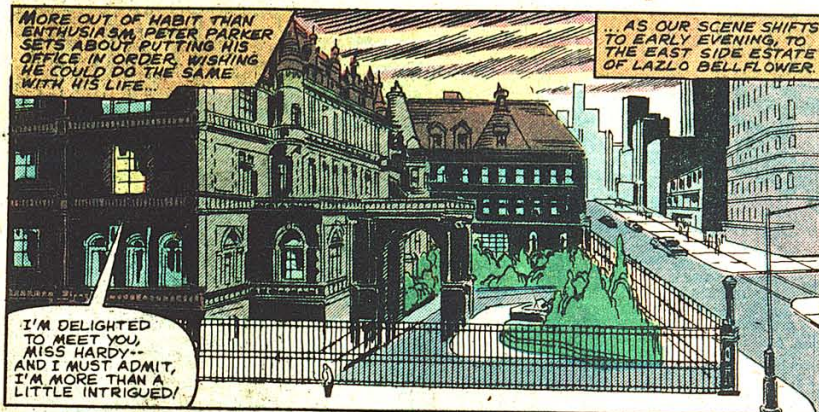
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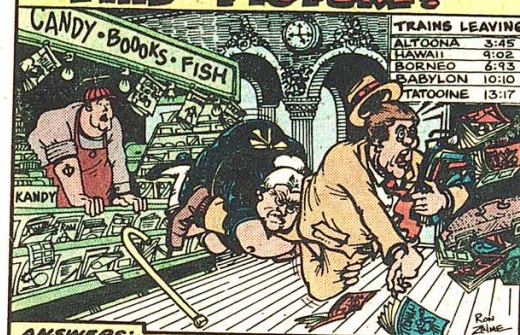
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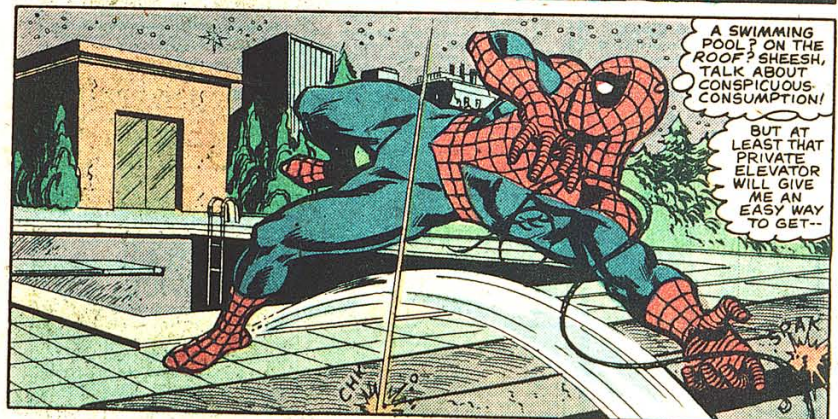
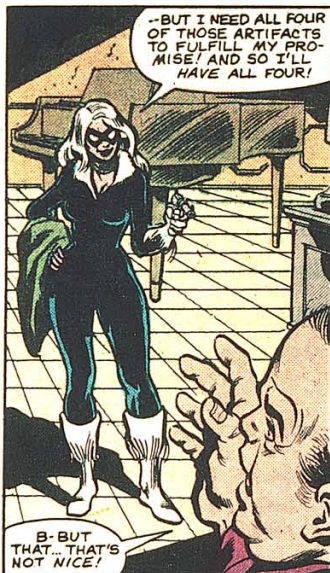
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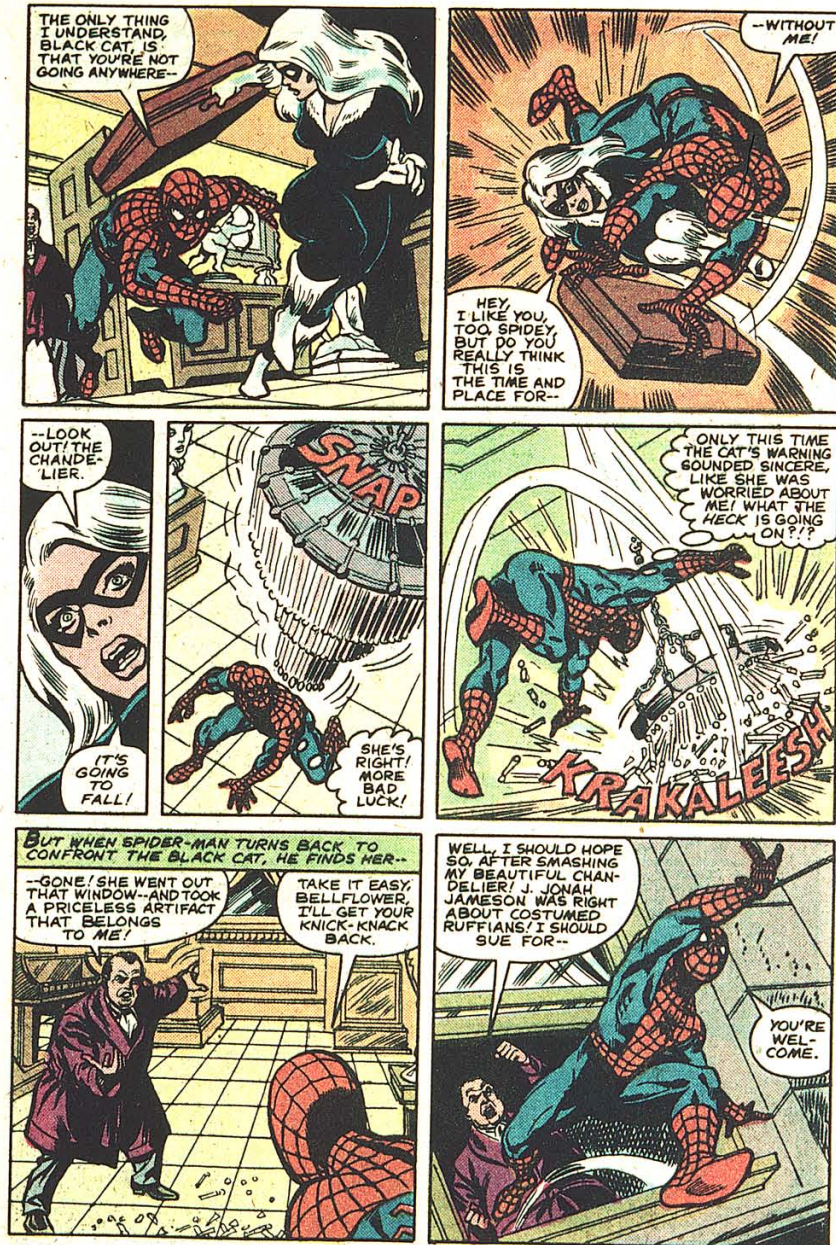
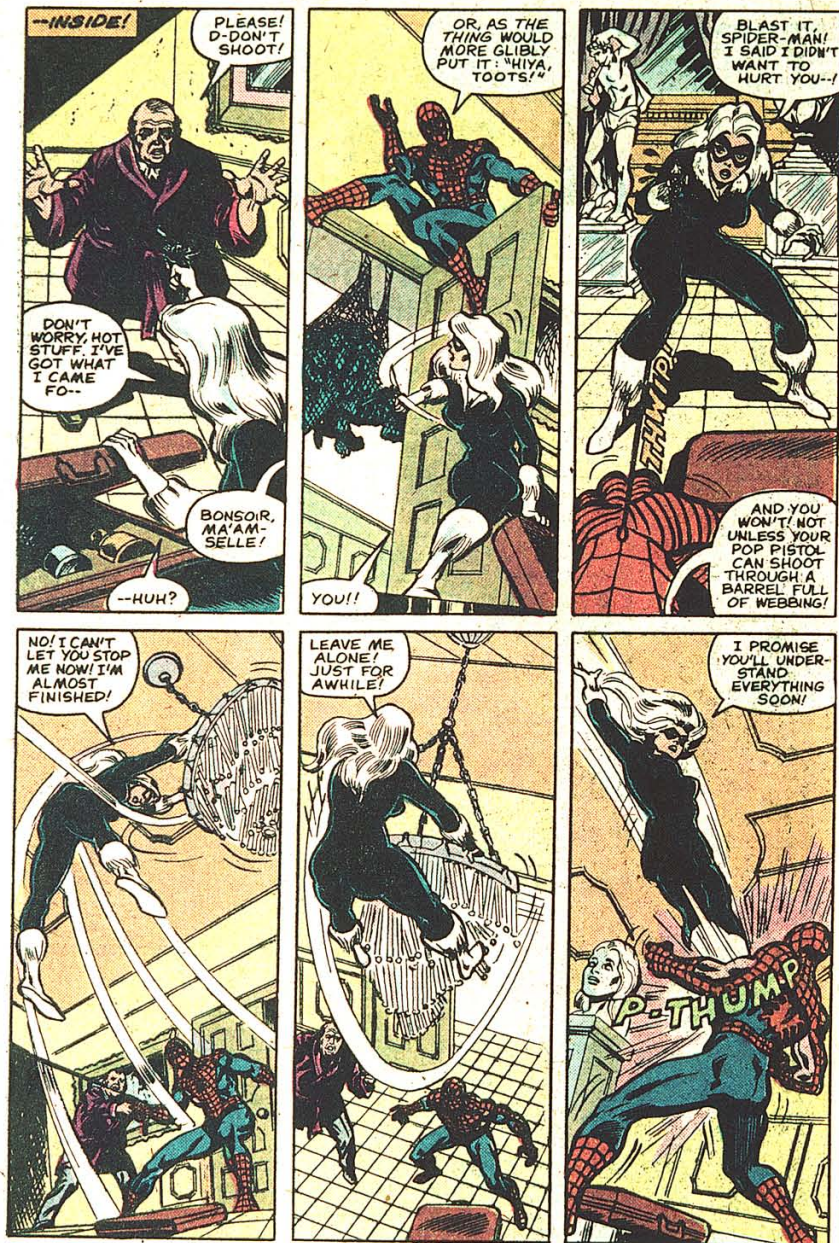
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Our new, higher-priced publications like the mind-staggering EPIC, and the now-classic WARRIORS OF THE SHADOW REALM have taken all of fandom by storm. The big-budget SILVER SURFER movie project is barreling along smooth as silk, as are our many animated cartoon shows for Saturday morning TV. Anyway, no need to mention each and every brain-blasting

project — you get the idea.

Now, the punch line! The point of all this valorous verbiage is to set your minds at ease, once and for all. Many people have asked me, in voices quivering with care and concern, "Does this mean that Marvel is losing interest in its own lovable line of regular color comics? Does this mean the monthly 40c mags are less important than they used to be? Does this mean you guys'll just be concentrating on the big, bombshell type spectaculars and forget about the good ol' line of super heroes that made you famous?"

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Excelsior!



Stan

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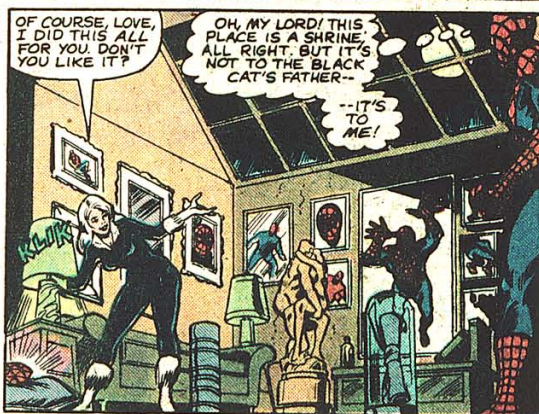
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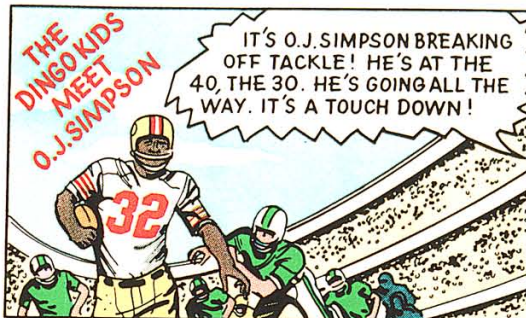
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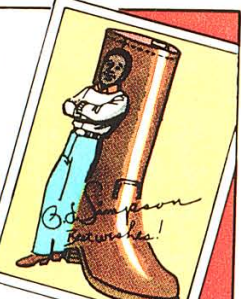
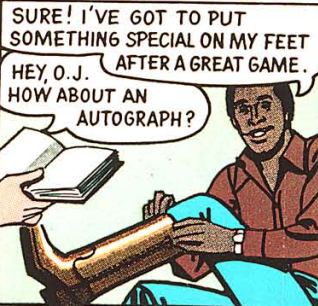


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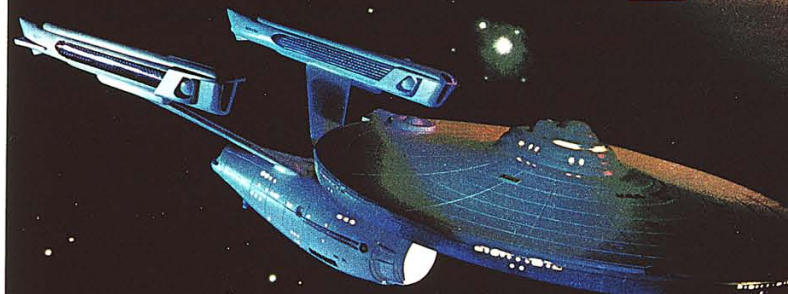
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